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HONGKONG, MARCH 18TH 1909.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON, the Governor of the
Straits Settlements is in agreement with Sir
FREDERICK LUGARD, the Governor of
Hongkong, when he claims that it is obvious
that, to give effect to what is the settled policy
of His Majesty's Government, the steady
and progressive encouragement of opium
smoking, the Government of the Colony
must retain a free hand for the adoption of
restrictive measures as the need for them
becomes apparent and the opportunity
arises. But the two Governors disagree as
to the means best adapted to secure that
course. Sir FREDERICK LUGARD says that
beyond doubt the creation of a monopoly
in Chinese hands is the most effective
method conceivable for controlling the
smuggling, sale and use of opium in the
Colony of Hongkong. Sir JOHN ANDERSON
endorses the proposal of the Straits Com-
missioners that the Government monopoly
of the preparation and distribution of opium
should be substituted for the existing Farm
system. The main objections, he says, taken
by the witnesses to the existing system are
the lack of adequate supervision over the re-
venue officers of the Farm, and the supposed
efforts of the Farmers to encourage the use
of opium. With regard to the latter objec-
tion the Governor in a despatch to the
Secretary of State says there is no evidence
whatever to support it, and His Excellency
regards the first objection as marking an un-
doubted evil, "though its extent is greatly
exaggerated." To His Excellency's mind

the main objection is that what the Farm is
let for three years the conditions as regards
opium smoking are fixed for that period,
and any action on the part of the Govern-
ment to discourage the use of opium imme-
diately gives rise to an exaggerated claim
for compensation for the Farmers. Sir
FREDERICK LUGARD in the able Memorandum
which we reproduced a few days ago, set
forth many strong reasons for his
opinion that the Farm is to be preferred to a
Government régime, and these reasons are as
applicable to the Straits Settlements as they
are to Hongkong. The fact that the retail
price of opium in both places is very much
higher than it is in China naturally encour-
ages smuggling, and Sir FREDERICK
LUGARD is entirely convincing when he says
that in a free port, having no Customs
Preventive Service it would be impossible
to check the smuggling of raw or prepared
opium as effectively as the Farmer can do
when his own pecuniary interests are involv-
ed. A monopoly by Government has been
tried in Hongkong and "resulted in a de-
crease in the receipts in the second year to
less than half those of the first year, due
to the impossibility of coping with the smug-
gling and illicit preparation of opium. The
revenue lost by Government was therefore
so much additional profit to the farmer
who provides the preventive service, and to
the Government which uses its profits for the
maintenance of Police, Sanitation, Educa-
tion, &c. There are other objections to
a Government monopoly which Sir
FREDERICK LUGARD mentions. It is more
likely to tend to venality and corruption of
subordinate officials; the Government would
incur the odium of the search for opium,
which is now made by the Farmer's excise
officers, and the use of spies and informers
both to check smuggling and to detect
boiling of opium, should, when possible,
be avoided by a Government on any exten-
ded scale." It must be allowed that all these
are very sound objections to the Govern-
ment monopoly of the preparation and
distribution of opium, and are worth
consideration by our neighbours in the
Straits Settlements, if any choice between a
Farm and a Government monopoly remains
after the expiry of the Farmer's present
contract. It is possible that neither in the
Straits Settlements nor in Hongkong will
any choice be possible, for, as we have before
suggested, the reduced supplies and increas-
ing restrictions may make the business far
too precarious for the farmer. Sir JOHN
ANDERSON in his despatch to the Secretary
of State, when forwarding the Report of the
Straits Commission, expressed the hope, that
when on the termination of the present
farm the Colonial Government is in a
position to take further steps towards
discouraging the use of opium, "the
resulting loss of revenue will be
followed by a corresponding reduction
of our Military Contribution." His
Majesty's Government has not yet made
known its intentions in this respect
to the Government of the Straits Settle-
ments, but they are not likely to promise
one Colony more than has been promised
the other. Parliament is to be asked to
grant Hongkong "a substantial contribu-
tion" towards the loss of revenue incurred
in carrying out the policy of the Imperial
Government. No doubt a similar promise
will be given to Singapore and the Federated
Malay States. If we may believe the state-
ment attributed by H.E. TANG SHAO YI to
Mr. BAKER, the Finance Minister of India,
that country can do without the revenue it
derives from Opium; else there would be
another heavy claim on the Imperial ex-
chequer for compensation. It is perfectly
clear from the wording of the EARL OF
CREWE's despatch that the Government
does not contemplate a grant to the
Colony of Hongkong which will fully
correspond to the loss of revenue incur-
red in carrying out the opium policy
of His Majesty's Government. The
Straits Times advises that no steps for the
establishment of a Régie system should be
taken in that Colony until the Govern-
ment has clearly intimated in what manner
and to what extent it is prepared to assist
the Colony throughout the inevitable finan-
cial embarrassments which will arise if the
revenue from opium is seriously diminished.
But the difficulty is that it is practically
impossible to say in advance what loss will
be incurred if Government monopoly is
substituted for a Farm, but it would be
more satisfactory to both Colonies if the
Government could promise to make up the
whole loss or some definite proportion of it.

Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day, and loyal
Irishmen sported the green and "drowned the
shamrock."

A Chinese bankrupt at the Supreme Court
yesterday described himself as a dealer in
"marine delicacies." The delinquency he sub-
sequently explained were sharks' fins.

Mr. J. H. Scott, partner of the firm of
Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, has returned to
Hongkong after a tour in North China.

Twenty despatches arrived by the s.s. *Lightning*
from Singapore on Tuesday, another batch of
twenty-four being landed from the same port by
the s.s. *Hong Wan* yesterday.

We learn from a Shanghai contemporary
that among the ladies of the Settlement fencing
seems to have grown in favour recently. For
a few months past a school of ladies has been
hard at work with the foils, and towards the
end of the month they will give a public
exhibition of their prowess.

A native appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at
the Magistrate's yesterday on charges of having
a quantity of prepared opium in his possession,
and of preparing opium. A fine of \$300 was
imposed, the alternative being four months'
imprisonment.

The Police have begun a crusade against the
night hawk who infest the highways at night.
Yesterday two European women who were
interfering with passers-by were charged before
Mr. J. R. Wood with behaving in a disorderly
manner. They were each fined \$20, the alterna-
tive being seven days' imprisonment.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge,
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Mr. Liang Yun Yih, who is described as the
manager of the proposed Canton-Macao Railway
affairs, recently had an interview with the
President of the Board of Posts and Com-
munications at Peking in the course of which
he stated that the line could be commenced as
soon as the agreement between China and
Portugal regarding the line is cancelled.

A native went alongside a cargo boat in the
harbour on Tuesday to the delivery of some
goods. While there a second cargo boat master
ordered him to shove off. Because he refused
the master of the latter boat struck him with a
boathook. At the Magistrate's yesterday Mr.
J. H. Kemp found a charge of assault proved,
and imposed a fine of \$10.

The *China Gazette* understands that a scheme
backed by a powerful group of Jewish financiers
in London, has been formulated to build bat-
tleships, cruisers and torpedo craft for China to
the value of \$25,000,000, the cost of each vessel
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fund of 14 per cent. each issue to stand by itself,
and to be only secured by the general guarantee
of the Chinese Government, which at the end
of 25 years would have a navy free of cost—
(and incidentally many years out of date).

A Chinese thief was caught red-handed yester-
day in Queen's Road Central by Detective
Sergeant Torrett. While standing near the
New Traveller's Hotel this officer was attracted
by an exclamation, and turned in time to see a
coolie snatching an ear pick from a woman's
hair. When he laid hands on the thief he
attempted to throw the stolen article away un-
observed, but was unsuccessful. Twelve months'
hard labour, fourteen strokes of the birch and
three hours' stocks was the sentence imposed by
Mr. J. H. Kemp.

The N. Y. K. Australian Liner *Nikko Maru*,
which arrived here yesterday morning reports
that on the eve of leaving Nagasaki a female
child was born on board to Mr & Mrs (Chris-
topher) Hughes, passengers destined to Singapore,
and the child was fittingly named, Elizabeth
Nikko Hughes. Both mother and child are
doing well, and the passengers and officers of
the ship have subscribed to present Miss Nikko
with a silver mug, together with a knife and
fork and a napkin ring in token of her first
start in this world on board the *Nikko Maru*
under the most favourable auspices.

The Y.M.C.A. Parliamentary Debating So-
ciety with representatives from the Union
Church Literary Club had a debate on Tuesday
night on the motion "That the action of the
self-governing colonies in excluding Asiatics
does not meet with our approval." Messrs.
Joughin, F. Browne, Annett, and Wells sup-
ported the motion, and Capt. Brown, Messrs.
Cubey, Nairn, and Lowry spoke against it. The
advocate of the motion argued that the exclu-
sion retarded the development of countries where
there were large tracts of unoccupied land, and
those who took the opposite view contended that
the admission of Asiatics would reduce the
standard of living. Mr. Burnett presided.
The motion was lost.

DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co., Hongkong
agents of the Yangtze Insurance Association
are in receipt of a telegram from Shanghai
stating that the Directors will recommend at
the forthcoming General Meeting a dividend of
25 per cent.

The report of the Peking Electric Company
Limited for the past year showed an available
balance of Taels 13,781. Of this Taels 8,219
has been written off installation; Taels 3,800
has been absorbed by a dividend of 2 per cent.,
and after payment of auditors' fees Taels 1,613
are carried forward to new account.

The Imperial Hotel Peking has paid a
dividend of 8 per cent. for the past year.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

Tokyo, March 17th.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha have not
paid a dividend.The loss for the half year is Yen
800,000.[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]THE BRITISH NAVY
ESTIMATES.

LONDON, March 16th.

The House of Commons was crowd-
ed with distinguished "strangers"
this afternoon, including H.R.H. the
Prince of Wales, when the Rt. Hon.
Mr. McKenna, First Lord of the
Admiralty, introduced the Navy
Estimates.

The safety of the country, he said,
must be the paramount concern of
the Government, but the Government
has to face the difficulty of not know-
ing the rate at which German con-
struction was proceeding. The con-
struction of extra Dreadnoughts would
depend upon that information, for
Great Britain could not risk falling
behind in Dreadnoughts.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the Opposi-
tion, said the condition of the Navy
was a national danger. Great Britain
in December 1910 would have only
10 Dreadnoughts while Germany
would probably have 13, and in 1912
she would have at 25 to our 20—at
least 21 to our 20.

LONDON, March 17th.

In the course of further debate on
the Naval Estimates, the Rt. Hon.
Mr. Asquith, the Premier, said he
was glad to state that recent develop-
ments tended to improved Anglo-
German relations. He regretted that
Germany had made clear that an
arrangement for a mutual reduction
of programmes was impossible.
Germany was enormously developing
her constructional equipment. We no
longer had an advantage in speed in
building.

The Government learned that in
the Autumn four of the ships of Ger-
many's 1909-10 programme were al-
ready under construction. It was that
grave unexpected development which
induced the Government to submit
different proposals. He thought
these circumstances would rouse the
nation to think twice before refusing
the power asked.

THE CHINA EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE.

LONDON, March 17th.

The Lord Mayor of London pre-
sided over a meeting of the China
Emergency Committee at which
speeches were made by Sir Robert
Hart, Dr. Scott Liddett, and the
American Ambassador. The Arch-
bishop of Canterbury and the Bishop
of London wrote regretting their
absence and sympathising with the
movement.

AUSTRIA AND SERBIA.

LONDON, March 16th.

Austria, who regards the last
Serbian note as evasive and almost
impertinent, will answer demanding
specific promises of peaceful inten-
tions.

[FROM THE "CHUNG KOO SAN FO."]

EX-VICEEROY SHUM
HONOURED.

PEKING, March 17th.

The Peking Government has sent
another telegram to Tsen Chen Hsuen,
late Viceroy of Canton, to proceed to
Peking at once in order to take up his
appointment as Grand Councillor.

ANOTHER PROMOTION.

PEKING, March 17th.

His Excellency Shih Liang, the
newly appointed Viceroy of the Man-
churian Provinces, will be also ap-
pointed to the Grand Council.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 17th March.

IN BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR F. PIGGOTT).

ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Re Kwong Yat Cheong. This was an applica-
tion for the reclusion of a receiving order.
Mr. S. Dixon (from the office of Mr. R.
Harding) appeared in support of the applica-
tion and stated that all the creditors had con-
sented.

The Official Receiver said he had not had
an opportunity of considering this.

His Lordship said it had better stand over
and he would make an order in chambers on
hearing the Official Receiver's report.

The Official Receiver said he wished to call
attention to this case, the debtor having
failed to attend the two meetings of creditors
although served with notices. Neither had he
filed his statement of affairs. He had already
committed contempt of court twice.

Mr. Dixon—The reason was that it was being
in process of being settled.

The Official Receiver—It is practically defying
the Court.

Mr. Grist—I appear for a number of creditors
and I have no doubt that the man will be ready
and willing to come to court. The matter has
been in course of settlement ever since it
started. There are no creditors, everyone
of these creditors is a partner, and it is a
matter of arrangement between the partners
and the firm.

His Lordship—It does not exempt him from
attending.

Mr. Grist—I don't think he understood.

The Official Receiver—Oh Yes. He was
served with notices in English and Chinese. It
is impossible for me to carry on the duties of
Official Receiver if I am defied like that.

The case was adjourned.

ADJUDICATED BANKRUPT.

Re R. D. Captain, public examination.

Debtor, in reply to questions by the Official
Receiver, said he was proprietor of the business
of D. R. Captain and Company, wine and
provision dealers. He started in January, 1905,
having bought the business for \$1,000, \$5,001
of which was paid in advance. The remainder
was to be paid by monthly instalments of \$250.
He took in a partner named Cooper who paid
\$3000 for his half share. Debtor was manager
of the business before he bought it. It
was making \$800 or \$900 a year. The business
mostly credit. He attributed his insolvency to
an assistant having embezzled \$3,000 and to
other losses in business. At the end of last
year he discovered he was insolvent. He could
not get any more advances then. He sold most
of his wine to the American girls. There was
only a small profit on each case. His personal
expenses were \$40, \$50 or \$100 a month. He
occasionally sent money home. It was not a
fact that he had lived extravagantly.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson (from the office of
Messrs. Evans and Harston), who appeared on
behalf of Messrs. Shevan, Tomes & Co., ques-
tioned debtor as to what he had done with the
stock for which he had paid \$12,000 and which
he now estimated at \$4,000. Debtor could not
explain.

Mr. F. Dixon said it was accounted for by
the fact that in the statement of affairs there
were \$8,000 book debts.

Mr. Grist suggested that the examination
should be adjourned.

Mr. F. Dixon asked that the debtor should
be adjudicated bankrupt, as the Official Receiver
wished to be in a position to dispose of the
business as a going concern.

The other parties present, consenting, this
was agreed to.

MR. GOMPERTZ PROMOTED.

Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, who has been acting
as Puisne Judge at the Supreme Court, for
almost a year, has been appointed Puisne Judge.
The new judge is well known in the colony and
his appointment will occasion much gratifi-
cation among his many friends. He certainly
deserves his promotion, as he has a long and
honourable record of services in the colonies.

Mr. Henry Hessey Johnston Gompertz, B.A.
Oxon, barrister-at-law, came out to the East in
1890 when he was appointed cadet. He arrived
in Singapore at the end of that year and was
attached to the Colonial Secretary's office. Two
years later he was sent to Swatow to study
Tie-Chiu, and in 1894 he was appointed
Assistant Protector of Chinese at Penang and
also Acting Third Magistrate. Having in the
interval passed in Cantonese he was in 1896
appointed acting deputy registrar in the
Supreme Court of Penang. He next qualified
in Hok-kien and was again assistant Protector
of Chinese and was several times acting as
district magistrate in 1897, in which year he
was appointed Assistant Registrar-General in
Hongkong. Subsequently he was acting police
magistrate, Assistant Colonial Secretary and
Clerk of Council, President of the Land
Court, acting Attorney General, and finally
acting Puisne Judge and Chairman of the
Squatters' Board.

The bill to restore the Philippine lottery as
it was conducted under the Spanish regime for
the purpose of securing revenue has been
introduced into the Philippine Assembly. The
bill provides that the lottery shall exist for at
least five years and that its income shall be
equal to the revenue collected now under the
land tax.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG REGATTA.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY
PRESS."]

Hongkong, 17th March 1909.

SIR—I have read with much interest the
letter by "Fair Sport" which appeared in the
columns of your valuable paper and must say
that his out-spoken criticisms are endorsed by
a large number of sportsmen in Hongkong.

I conscientiously believe that rowers should
be placed on even terms, thus giving all an
equal chance of according a victory. More-
over, in fairness to them, a good opportunity
will be afforded spectators of witnessing a com-
petition of prowess when all things are equal.

At one of the meetings of the Hongkong
Regatta Committee held recently, it was pro-
posed and carried by a majority of 7 to 1, so I
believe, that all four-oared events at the forth-
coming Regatta be competed in the same class
of boats. The decision was received with much
interest by all broadminded sportsmen and
endorsed by them as affording the one oppor-
tunity for competition upon terms of equality.

The decision which called forth such favour-
able comments was reversed at a subsequent
meeting when some of the members of the
Committee were not present. It looks as if the
subsequent decision, which overrules the popular
original finding, is to hold good.

With your permission I would like to ask
the sporting public to judge for themselves if
it is fair play to accord the chance to one
class rowing on a far superior boat when
such a boat is only owned by one rowing club in
the colony and available to its members only,
practically thus penalising the members of the
other clubs?

An inferior and much heavier boat, all of the
same design, is owned by all the three other
clubs. As the majority of the Clubs own the
heavier boats, why not compete in them as at
first decided?

It should be a governing principle in sport as
in business that the majority should receive the
maximum consideration. In other words, the
greatest good to the maximum number.

I have myself entered a crew for the Junior
Fours on the understanding that competitors
would all be placed on even terms, but had
reluctantly to withdraw upon the second de-
cision of the Hongkong Regatta Committee
being unofficially announced.

Least the purport of my letter be misunder-
stood by the officials of the rowing clubs con-
cerned, allow me to add that I was prompted to
approach you for the hospitality of your columns,
in the most friendly spirit to the organising
body of the Regatta, with the view of securing
the success which the meeting undoubtedly
deserves but would unquestionably fail to
obtain were an unpopular decision allowed to
hold good at the expense of enthusiasm waning
in the sporting event which should be
looked forward to with considerable interest—
Yours, &c.,

J. A. SELAVISA ALVES.

"A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE."

A correspondent in Hoonan, the *Daily News*
says, vouchers for the accuracy of the following
incident: A well-to-do Chinese had the mis-
fortune to swallow the gold filling of his newly
stopped teeth, and was considerably alarmed, as
he was convinced that the gold would poison
him. One of China's new scholars informed
him that sulphuric acid dissolved gold and
recommended him to take some. He did.
It is not stated our contemporary adds whether
the scholar attended the funeral.

GERMAN WORKERS' LOT.

NO SLIMS OR MISERY FUED BY BRITISH
LABOUR M.P.S.

The report of Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Steadman,
Mr. Thorne, and Mr. Bowerman, the Labour
M.P.s who visited Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden,
and Frankfurt-on-Main to inquire into State
insurance against accident, sickness, invalidity,
and old age, was issued last month. It says:

"The absence of slums in the manufacturing
quarters of the towns visited and elsewhere was
noticeable. It can be said that nowhere did
the deputation see any quarter that could be
classified under the heading 'slum.' The clean-
liness prevailing was also remarkable. No
beggars, feeble or emaciated men tattered and
ragged, were encountered in the streets.

"Hundreds upon hundreds of unemployed
were seen by the deputation, but they seemed
to lack that dejection and absolute misery that
unfortunately is so frequently met with in
the streets of English towns.

Workmen throughout Germany do not com-
plain of any compulsory deductions being made
by their employers from their wages for the
purpose of workmen's insurances. The contribu-
tions in the case of invalidity and old-age
pensions are payable weekly—half by the em-
ployer and half by the workman. The State
assistance consists of a fixed addition of £2 10s.
to every pension payable. The introduction of
the State insurance has in no way exercised an
injurious effect upon the trade unions of the
country.

"The deputation was much impressed by the
excellence of the entire system of labour bureau,
and it must be obvious that institutions of this
kind prevent the unemployed from sinking
down to the lowest rung of the social scale,
besides aiding them from spending their very
last penny in the public-house for the sake of
obtaining company and sympathy from unfor-
tunate colleagues.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The T.G.M. str. *Prins Ludvig* which left
here on the 13th inst. at 11 a.m., arrived at
Shanghai on the 16th inst. at 6 p.m.

The P.M. str. *Siberia* which left here on the
16th ultimo, arrived at San Francisco on the
15th inst.

The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* left Yokohama
on the 17th instant, and may be expected here
on or about the 24th inst.

The C.P.R. str. *Glenfary* arrived Shanghai
at 11.30 a.m. on the 17th inst., and leave again
at 9 a.m. Friday for Hongkong where she is
due to arrive at 9 a.m. on Monday the 22nd
inst.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 5th Floor, Building, at Noon, on **MONDAY, the 5th April, 1909**, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.
The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 22nd March to the 5th day April, both days inclusive.
J. WHEELEY, General Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1909. [483]

TO LET.

NO. 10, KENNEDY ROAD - Unfurnished from 1st May Next. Electric Light installed.
Apply to—
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Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1909. [434]

THE TIENSIN LIGHTER CO., LTD.
LIGHTERAGE, TOWAGE, STEVEDORAGE, ETC.

The Company possesses a Fleet of Lighters and Tugs and is prepared to undertake the discharge of steamers, and lighterage between Taku Bar and Tientsin.

DOCK AND ENGINEERING YARD, TONGKUI.
Estimates for all classes of ENGINEERING and FOUNDRY WORK, also for Docking and Painting Vessels given on application to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Managers.
Tientsin.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1909. [485]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALACCA COAST).
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
S.S. "DACRE CASTLE" About 20th Apr.
For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1909. [1712]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Goods of **WALTER FERGUSON STEVENSON** late of Westthorpe Headon in the County of Middlesex England Merchant deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COURT has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for sending in Claims against the above estate to the 1st day of April, 1909.

All Creditors are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Underigned before that date.
Dated this 1st day of March, 1909.
JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central,
Hongkong.
Solicitors for the Administrator.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Goods of **JEAN HENRI FOUGERAT** late of Long Chow in the Province of Kwang Si in the Empire of China and formerly of No. 57, Rue Mozart Department of the Seine Paris in the Republic of France Commissioner in the Imperial Maritime Customs deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COURT has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for sending in Claims against the above estate to the 1st day of April, 1909.

All Creditors are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Underigned before that date.
Dated this 2nd day of March, 1909.
JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central,
Hongkong.
Solicitors for the Administrator.
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WE HAVE MET THE CUT and are now Selling Ice from our Depot, Nos. 55 & 57, Des Vaux Road Central, for **HALF A CENT PER POUND**.

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1909. [474]

SUTTON'S SEEDS.
Special Selections for South China.
CHINA EXPRESS CO.
3, Duddell Street, Hongkong,
Shipping and Insurance Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.
NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES (1896) of the **HONGKONG CLUB**, Payable on **WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909**, will be held at the **HONGKONG Club House** at 11 o'clock A.M. **TO-MORROW (FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1909)**.
Borrowers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.
By Order,
JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1909. [446]



SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,
Hongkong.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the **DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BYELAWS** (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the **WESTERN DIVISION** of the City of Victoria occupied by more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or those parts of a domestic building used as a shop, Office or Godown, must be **CLEANSED AND LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT** by the owners during the months of February and March.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room, all cubicle partitions, stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and the under-sides of roofs in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs. The back yard must have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed, but must be cleaned.
The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Tank Lane and Cleverly Street.

The Government Limewashing Contractor is prepared to cleanse and lime-wash buildings at the rate of \$1.00 per floor on application being made to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

A. GIBSON, Secretary.
Dated this 1st day of March, 1909. [470]

NOTICE.

BY Mutual Agreement between the undersigned, the Business heretofore carried on by them at Canton under the style of **LEIGH & ORANGE** has been determined; all assets thereof will be realized and all debts paid by the undersigned **C. B. THOMAS** who will in future carry on Business as an Architect and Civil Engineer at Canton aforesaid under his own name.
LEIGH & ORANGE,
C. B. THOMAS.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1909. [480]

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed **TRUSTEE OF THE CANTON CONDITION HOUSE COMPANY** by Order of **H.M. Supreme Court**, dated 11th February, 1909, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the following **LAND AND HOUSE PROPERTY** WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at Canton on 20th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, namely:

Lot 52 on the British Concession, Canton, measuring approximately 12,645 square feet, together with all Buildings erected on the said Lot, at a reserve price, based on the highest offer in writing, sealed or unsealed, submitted to the Trustee 24 hours prior to the Auction.

Terms.—Cash on completion of transfer of Lot to Purchaser.
H. H. FOX,
H. M. Acting Consul-General,
Trustee for the Canton Condition House Co.
Shamoon, 10th March, 1909. 459

NOTICE.

WE, the Undersigned, a well-established Firm trading in Human Hair, beg to inform the Public that we have now Opened an Office in Hongkong at 127, Des Vaux Road, (first floor). Hitherto our Business was carried on at Ka Yung Choo and Canton, but in the interest of our Patrons, and in order to make ourselves more widely known to prospective purchasers in this part of China we have thought it advisable to open the above Office for the transaction of our Hongkong Business. We also desire to make known that the Goods supplied by us are of the best quality procurable and are subjected to a special process of cleaning and drying known only to ourselves.
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LUN CHEONG & Co.,
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(first floor),
Hongkong.
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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, King's Building, **TO-MORROW (FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1909)**, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.
The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 6th to the 19th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [400]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, King's Building, **TO-MORROW (FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1909)**, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.
The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 6th to the 19th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [401]

AUCTION

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, (TO DISSOLVE A PARTNERSHIP)
On **SATURDAY, the 20th March, at 3 P.M.**, Opposite the City Hall,
THE following well-known Race Ponies:

"**CONCOMB**,"
13.0, Winner of the Spring Cup, Race Club Challenge Cup and Consolation Stakes Shanghai, 1906, Consolation Cup Shanghai Spring Meeting, 1907, Gymkhana Cup Hongkong Races, 1908, and many Races at Hongkong Gymkhana. Ran prominently at last Race Meeting.

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12.3, Winner of Pagoda Cup Shanghai, 1907, Champions Amoy, 1908, Victoria Stakes Hongkong, 1908 and many Races at Hongkong Gymkhana.

Terms.—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1909. [476]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after this Date, the Selling Price of Ice will be Reduced to **HALF A CENT** per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1909. [451]

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KODAK FILM.

DEVELOPING AND PRINTING
SPECIALITY.

A TACK & CO.
26, Des Vaux Road, CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [471]

A LING & CO.
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Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [1444]

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [476]

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [213]

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GODOWNS, Nos. 95, 96 and 97, PRATA EAST.
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [264]

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [219]

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Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [100]

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Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [105]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1909. [98]

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1909. [110]

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. [103]

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [272]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1909. [97]

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Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [104]

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

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Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [455]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1909. [121]

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their disposal in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 18th inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 18th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1909.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ LUDWIG," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th inst. at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

MELCHERS & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMBRIA," Captain Deinat, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

Any Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th March, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1909.

S.S. "CALEDONIAN,"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. "Corduan" and "Medoc" from Martine ex s.s. "Vill de Dunkerque" in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless intimation is received from the Consignees before requesting it to be landed here.

"Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPORIN, Agent.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1909.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LTD. COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"TRANQUEBAR,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 20th inst. at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1909.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "LOTHIAN,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst. at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1909.

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "CRAIGVAR,"

FROM SEATTLE, WASH.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading as soon as possible.

Consignees of cargo will please take notice that before delivery can be obtained, they must sign an Average Bond, which is lying at the Office of the Undersigned and pay a Deposit of six pence (6d.) per Quarter sack of Flour for contribution to General Average.

Delivery Orders will then be granted in exchange for Bills of Lading against which Consignees are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909.

BANK LINE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "GYMERIC,"

FROM SEATTLE, VICTORIA, VAN COUVE, YOKOHAMA, MOJI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1909.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

THE BEE IN MEDICINE—WINTER POISONING OF CITY DWELLERS—SELF-TENDING WEACONS—A GIANT LOGIC BOILER—A PLATINUM SUBSTITUTE—WARNING—THE SUPPERGOTT—SALIA—PRESCRIPTION IN COLOR RECORDING—HOW RESISTANCE VARIES—ERINS TREES.

Whether bee-stings are an effective remedy for rheumatism, as has been so often asserted, seems to be a matter of widespread curiosity and uncertainty. Dr. A. Walker of Oxford University, has been lately collecting facts from physicians and others, and, in addition to popular reports, he has obtained some very precise evidence that bee poison really cures rheumatic pains. Perhaps the most conclusive report is that of Dr. Tere of Marburg, Styria.

In twenty years this physician has used bee-stings in more than 700 cases, and has found that three or four operations give immunity to the pain and swelling from the stings, and that a single treatment may sometimes cure rheumatism, although old cases may require hundreds of stings. Believing that formic acid is the active agent, Dr. Lamarche has tried hypodermic injections of this substance on rheumatic patients with good results. As this theory does not seem to be conclusively established, however, Dr. Walker is inclined to attribute the curative action to a neutralizing of the rheumatic poison by some special toxin introduced by the bees.

The view has been advanced by a number of German physicians that most people in large cities pass the winter months in a state of chronic intoxication from carbonic oxide. J. P. Langlois, a French authority, is inclined to accept this theory, and sometimes as a hygienic practice of heating by hot-air stoves and the use of gas for lighting.

The acetylene-lighted buoys of the Swedish coast keep in action 70 days without removal of the single tubes of 50 liters of dissolved acetylene. Ingenious automatic lighting makes this possible. A bright reflecting surface and a black absorbing one give unequal expansion by daylight, thus closing a valve and shutting off the gas, but at night this action ceases, the valve opens, and the gas, automatically lighted, continues burning.

The new tunnel-boring machine of E.F. Terry of New York and O. S. Proctor of Denver is a kind of gigantic auger that chips its way through solid rock by means of pneumatic chisel-headed hammers. It is expected to prove capable of doing something like 200 times the work of an ordinary air drill, with one-tenth of the proportionate power, and a recent test indicated that an 8-foot tunnel could be driven through granite 72 lineal feet in 20 hours. The cost of removing 5000 cubic feet per day is estimated at \$300. The machine designed has an 8-foot drill head, with 25 hammers, which are arranged to cut in concentric overlapping circles, so that the rock will be chipped away over the entire face of the excavation. The rock fragments are caught in steel pockets and carried to the rear by a conveyor. The frame of the machine is mounted on two trucks the forward one of two wheels and the rear one of four, the latter running on a 22-inch gauge track, with a rack rail in the center. A spur gear meshing into the rack rail drives the whole machine forward. A compressed air engine on the rear truck turns the feed gear, another air engine on the forward part of the frame rotates the drill head, and air for the hammers is carried through the hollow driving-shaft. In making a tunnel of the usual size—say 15 or 20 feet—the 8-foot hole would be enlarged by the ordinary drilling and blasting.

Silindum, a new silicon carbide brought out in Germany, is a substitute for platinum for some heat-resisting and other apparatus. In a vacuum, silicon vaporizes at 1800 degrees to 1900° C., and the vapor unites with carbon to form silindum. The new material resists temperatures up to 1750 or 1800 degrees C. It is very hard, unattacked by acids in the cold or by chlorine, and may be enamelled or nickel-plated. A disadvantage is that it is destroyed by molten metals.

A curious and unexpected danger is made known by a case reported by a German doctor. A farmer was using artificial fertilizer, when a little was blown into his eye, but caused only a slight burning. In two days, however, the inflammation was very severe, the final result being a total loss of the eye.

A number of curious mental disorders or frenzies spread throughout Europe in the Middle Ages, beginning with St. Vitus's dance which was named after a Sicilian youth who suffered martyrdom under Diocletian in 303. Dr. A. E. Shipley, the distinguished lecturer at Cambridge University, has decided that the British suffragettes are afflicted with the singular malady known as Taranism. This was at its greatest height in the seventeenth century, long after the disappearance of the St. Vitus's dance of Northern Europe, and severe cases were marked by howling, screaming and jumping, as well as by the persistent, monotonous and rhythmic utterance of a word or a short sentence. To this mania, like the others, females were much more liable than males. Another striking feature of Taranism was a strong preference for certain colours or combination of colours, and this peculiarity seems to identify positively the disorder affecting the suffragettes. The present outbreak seems to be the third within quite modern times.

The colorimeter of F. E. Ives is designed to show what proportions of the three primary colours must be mixed to give the colour measured, and it is these proportions, instead of the peculiar shade, that the observer notes. This gives a precise record or description of any mixed colour. For instance, white is an equal mixture, recorded as "red 100, green 100, blue 100."

and instead of an indefinite "pink" a certain colour may be designated as "red 62, green 31, blue 50," giving a formula by which the colour may be reproduced when desired.

The resistance to motion of a smooth surface parallel to the direction of motion has been investigated by Prof. Albert Frank, of the Hanover Technical School. He has shown that 236 square feet of side surface would be needed to give the resistance of one square foot of front surface perpendicular to the motion.

Ireland has now only 300,000 acres—or 11 per cent—in forest although climate and soil are favourable. The crown commission's report has urged the necessity of the immediate planting of at least 700,000 acres of forest trees.

DISCOVERIES IN BABYLONIA.

A paper on "Discoveries in Babylonia and the Neighbouring Lands" was read recently at a meeting of the Victoria Institute in London by Dr. Theophilus Pinches.

Dr. Pinches said the discoveries of the Germans on the site of Babylon practically made the city live once more. According to Delitzsch, it was a comparatively small city, not larger, in his opinion, than Dredon or Munich. Unfortunately the remains of the Tower of Babel—that structure so renowned of old—had within recent years been cleared away to build the dam of the Hindiyed Canal, and instead of a great monument the depression where its foundations were laid was now all that existed. The basement of the tower was square, and the pictures in old family Bibles and elsewhere showed, circular in form and tapering with a spiral stair the tower was reached. According to Dr. Weisbach, the structure measured about 309ft. each way, and height was about the same. Though this was only a third of the height of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, it was still sufficiently imposing as a higher than any of the others, and the topmost stage was the upper temple or sanctuary of the god Bel or Mardoch, a hall of considerable size, 80ft. long, 70ft. broad, and 50 ft. high. Dr. Pinches then gave some account of the excavations of Americans, who, he said, had made some most successful researches in Babylonia. The site which they had more especially explored was Niffer, the ancient Nippur, a site which the Babylonians identified with the Calneh of the tenth chapter of Genesis, one of the first cities of Nimrod's (i.e. Mardoch's) kingdom, which contained the ruins of a great tower resembling that of Babylon. The antiquity of this town and temple was regarded by the Babylonians as being as great as that of the world itself. At the ruins of Bismaya, the ancient Adab, there is also a temple-tower, on the summit of which were found inscriptions of the reigns of Dugl (2750 B.C.) and Sur-Eagar (2300 B.C.). The deepest excavations at this spot revealed deposits of thrown pottery of graceful design, which Dr. E. J. Banks regarded as belonging to the most remote period of Babylonian civilization, namely, 10,000 years ago or earlier. Another interesting discovery which was made was that of a structure supposed to be a crematory. Although the Babylonians burned their dead, ordinary burial was also practised, but instead of coffins the body was apparently enclosed in a large jar before interment. Professor Schell gave reproductions of some of the gigantic specimens of pottery which he found, in which the body was apparently inserted entirely.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., the well known London bullion brokers, state in a circular issued a month ago:—

With the exception of a small amount required for India, the Bank of England obtained the whole of the arrivals of bar gold this week (amounting to £600,000) at the minimum price of 77s. 9d.

It is of interest that while in 1907 the United States of America imported £17,500,000 more gold than they exported, in 1908.

At the present time the interest of the silver market is centred on China. Recent upward improvements have owed much to demand from that quarter, whilst the large stock of silver in Shanghai and the "dull" position in London, at any rate so far as a part is concerned, is a menace when the market is off colour. As yet there are no indications of large shipments for Bombay for the 19th inst. (February). The silver stock is on the increase, but is not as yet unduly, especially in view of easy money; as when silver stood at two pence lower. The payment of old-age pensions is made necessarily in silver, and local post-offices are now compelled to keep themselves equipped with a larger stock of small change. By so doing silver coin is diverted into new channels, and for a time at least some increase of coin may be required and the Mint coin more than would be otherwise wanted.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 17th at 11.20 a.m.—The barometer has fallen quickly in Japan, and risen considerably over Central China until the E. coast. The depression lying near the Northern Loochoo yesterday, has progressed Eastwards and is situated this morning, between the S.E. coast of Japan and the Bonins.

The area of high pressure remains over the continent to the North of the Yangtze. Gradients are rather steep along the China coast, and strong N. and N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.17 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood. N.E. winds, strong; dull, some rain. N.E. winds, strong to gale. Same as No. 1. Same as No. 2.

Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong to gale. Same as No. 1. Same as No. 2.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. Same as No. 1. Same as No. 2.

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COSTLY FASHIONS.

BARBARIC LUXURY OF SPRING COSTUMES.

The Paris edition of the *Daily Mail* on the 17th ult. said:—

Despite the fact that Paris is in the grip of an Arctic temperature and an icy wind, the Rue de la Paix was this afternoon rendered impassable by the luxurious gowns and electric broughams of fashionable women ordering gowns for the coming spring.

The leading Paris houses are overwhelmed with orders from England and America. Inquiries among the chief firms elicit the information that, richness both in material and trimmings will be the predominant note in the spring models. Gold, silver, diamonds, and other precious stones are to be used largely in trimming and embroideries. Materials will, in fact, be as costly and rare as possible.

Manufacturers are busy making silks, brocades, and soft satins which would excite the envy of an Oriental Sultan. This magnificence will naturally have the effect of raising prices. It will be impossible to obtain any dress of a fashionable made for less than £40, and the generous employment of golden trimmings will soon raise the price of an effective gown to £200 or more. There will, of course, be no limit to the price if genuine diamonds are insisted on.

The Empire gown is dead—killed by over-popularity and the desire for constant change. The 1909 spring corset will be unusually low and will reach for over the hips. This style has been created by Redfern, who is providing dresses made of soft rich materials, the corsets and long sleeves of which are a mass of beautiful embroidery in precious stones mingled with gold and silver thread, or in raised silk. Jewelled girdles will be worn loosely knotted in front.

Worth's are also showing their new models. Dresses from this house will be fuller and much wider at the bottom than hitherto. It is even asserted that we shall see skirts fourteen and fifteen yards in width, instead of two and a half yards of the present dimensions.

The "collante" or clinging style of the present moment is doomed. Tunes will be fuller and draped over the hips, so as to add to the effect of width. Paniers are beginning to make their appearance in evening gowns, as are also draperies caught up on both sides with jewelled cords.

The colours to be worn in the spring will be combinations of old tones and tender pastel shades. The favourite colour will be old gold. Other yellows will not be worn at all, but green and coral pink will be much in favour.

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Width of Entrance on Bottom	77 "
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide	64 "

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Extreme Length	371 feet
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 ANHUI, British str., 1,351, J. Moathead, 17th March—Shanghai 14th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 HAICHING, British str., 1,267, W. C. Pissano, 17th March—Foolow, Amoy and Swatow 14th March, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
 HONG WAN I, British str., 2,060, G. Kinghorn, 17th March—Singapore 11th March, General—Chinese.
 MEIKONG, Chinese str., 1,339, F. McArthur, 17th March—Shanghai 14th March, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 3,439, Yagi, 17th March—Yokohama, 6th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 RAJAHURI, German str., 1,189, H. Bremer, 17th March—Hohow 15th March, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
 QUINRA, German str., 987, F. Frahm, 16th March—Saigon 12th March, General—Stimson & Co.
 SACHUEN, British str., 1,142, Sidford, 16th March—Wuhu 7th March and Shanghai 13th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 WOODMAN, British str., 1,227, Hussey, 17th March—Wuhu and Chinkiang 12th March, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 17th March.
 HONGKONG, British str., for Swatow.
 MEIKONG, Chinese str., for Manila.
 TAIHAI, British str., for Hongkong.
 TELEMACHUS, British str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

17th March.
 HONGKONG, British str., for London.
 HAICHING, British str., for Swatow.
 KANGFONG, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.
 KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
 LOTHIAN, British str., for Shanghai.
 MATHILDA KORNEL, Ger. str., for Tsingtau.
 SHOSU MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
 SEIKUEN, British str., for Canton.
 TAMBA MARU, Japanese str., for Colombo.
 TRIUMPH, German str., for Haiphong.
 YORINIMA MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Haiting* reports: Moderate N.E. winds, overcast with mist.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

March 17th.
 ABERDEEN DOCK—*Kyung Tai*, *Kowloon*, *Taiwan*, *Yamou*, *H.M.S. Otter*, *Suruga*, *Patric*, *Vigilante*, *Hoiching*, *Kyong Tai*.
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Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [377]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR."
 Captain S. H. Belson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1909. [477]



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Hongkong, 13th March, 1909. [3]

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For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1909. [1]

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE."

will be despatched as above on or about the 26th March, 1909.

For Freight or Passage apply JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1909. [378]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

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1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	MACEDONIA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Bennett	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PALAUAN	Brit. str.	—	C. R. Longdon, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	T. Darke	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 26th inst.
LONDON & HULL	GLENN	Brit. str.	—	T. Darke	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 25th inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	DORTMUND	Ger. str.	K.W.	Moloch	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	NICOMEDIA	Ger. str.	K.W.	Müller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 26th inst.
HAYEE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	JULYRIA	Ger. str.	K.W.	Kotze	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 26th inst.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	K.W.	Deinat	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 22nd April.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	NEBA	Fr. str.	—	Marlin	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 30th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SPERZA	Ger. str.	K.W.	Ginselbrun	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Takashi	MELCHERS & Co.	About 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CATHAY	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 16th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HITAGI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th April, at Dlight
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BRIGAVIA	Ger. str.	K.W.	F. E. Cops	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 3rd May.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ATSUBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Schwinghammer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 21st April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AMERICA MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KLEIST	Ger. str.	—	Kad. Meyer	MELCHERS & Co.	On 24th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	VOEWARTS	Aus. str.	—	B. Bodnars	CA. LOWITZ & Co.	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ALBENGA	Ger. str.	—	Loransin	ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.	On 7th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NORMAN PRINCE	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	About 20th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DORRIS CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 11th May, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MONTAGUE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 10th April, at 7 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	J. O. A. Hall	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SHIRAKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th April, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Ishikawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	Isek	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EMPEROR	Brit. str.	—	P. T. Helms	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th April, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th April, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. W. Eddy	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at Dlight
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KANAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Kohke	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th April, at Dlight
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Zwart	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TJIBODAS	Jap. str.	1 m.	Dowson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KWANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Forsyth	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHIPPING	Brit. str.	—	F. Mooney	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUICHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. Hooker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HANTUNG	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Trowbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	THAQUEBAR	Dan. str.	—	A. E. Sandbach	MELCHERS & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HANGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Williams	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	LIANAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHONG	Brit. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YATOHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Cobol	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	About 19th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	—	D. A. Adams, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	F. Wheeler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KWONGSANG	Ger. str.	K.W.	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 21st inst., at Dlight
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BRIGAVIA	Ger. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ANBU	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	FOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 25th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	WONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 25th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GOEBEN	Ger. str.	1 m.	A. A. Campbell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 27th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINKWA	Brit. str.	—	B. Wilhelm	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NURIA	Brit. str.	—	F. J. Fox	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 31st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BENNET SIMONS	Fr. str.	—	Girard	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 21st inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BELOSLAVIA	Ger. str.	K.W.	Hildebrand	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TJILATAP	Dut. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerik	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Y. Kabanaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KWELIN	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. A. Hards	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TRIMARI	Dut. str.	—	de Bronwor	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAICENIO	Brit. str.	2 h.	Pasmore	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAINDUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHILIT	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. S. Rosch	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	LONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	J. Warrack	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	THAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	B. W. Almond	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	E. Bodger	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. Somerville	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAIPOING	Brit. str.	—	M. Mathias	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BORNO	Brit. str.	—	F. Semblil	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAKOSHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	B. Kon	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GEORGE APGAR	Brit. str.	—	S. H. Belson	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	LIGHTNING	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Gentles	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.

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Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
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KUMERIC	6,232	F. S. Cowley	On 8th April.
INVERIC	4,789	R. J. Howie	On 6th May.
SUVERIC	6,232	W. Shotton	On 3rd June.

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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"KLEIST" Capt. RUD. MEYER	Wed'day, 24th March, at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. ISEKE	Thursday, 25th March, at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"GOEBEN" Capt. B. WILHELM	About Thursday, 25th March.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBIL	Beginning of April.

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Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.

28th March	at 11.45 a.m.
1st April	at 8.15 p.m.
8th April	at 10.45 a.m.
15th April	at 8.15 p.m.
22nd April	at 9.45 a.m.

The *Delhi*, with the English mail of the 19th February, left Singapore on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 10.30 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 8 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 19th January, and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 10th February, and for despatch overland on the 17th February.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hongkong	Taiwan	Thursday, 18th, 8.00 a.m.
Swatow and Sourabaya	Victoria	Thursday, 18th, 10.00 a.m.
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei and Chefoo	Hangchow	Thursday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Hangchow	Thursday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma & Seattle	Gymerie	Thursday, 18th, 11.00 a.m.
Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 18th, 1.15 p.m.
Amoy, Ningpo and Shanghai	Kwonglin	Thursday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Lingna	Thursday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay	Yokohama	Thursday, 18th, 4.00 p.m.
Amoy	Hongkong	Thursday, 18th, 5.00 p.m.
Tientsin	Huichow	Friday, 19th, 9.00 a.m.
Hai Phong	Singao	Friday, 19th, 9.00 a.m.
Singapore	Albenga	Friday, 19th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Huichow	Friday, 19th, 11.00 a.m.
Masilia, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Newcastle, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Nikko Maru	Friday, 19th, 11.00 a.m.
Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 19th, 1.15 p.m.
Masilia	Loongang	Friday, 19th, 3.00 p.m.
Newchwang	Kwonglin	Friday, 19th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Lingna	Friday, 19th, 3.00 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yokohama	Friday, 19th, 4.00 p.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Hongkong	Friday, 19th, 5.00 p.m.
Masilia	Kawagawa Maru	Saturday, 20th, 9.00 a.m.
Europe & India via Tientsin	Bubi	Saturday, 20th, 9.00 a.m.
(Late Letters 11.00 to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail, extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
(The Parcel mail will be closed to-morrow, at 5 p.m.)		
Macedonia		Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 a.m. Registration, 10.00 a.m. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.) Registration, Kowloon B.O., 10.00 a.m. No late fee. Letters, 11.00 a.m.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 17th, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra, Limited	300	\$500	\$50	Nominal
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$935, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$51, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,504	\$12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$12, sales
China Light and Power Company	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$5
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.30, sales
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$9
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 39
Loou-King-Mow C. Spin & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 94
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 315
Dairy Farm Company	25,000	\$75	\$5	\$14, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hongkong & Wharves Wharf & G. Co.	60,000	\$50	all	\$53, sellers
Hongkong and Wharves Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$56, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	\$63	\$94, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 88
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 175
Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.60, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$163, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$87, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$195, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation)	10,000	\$100	\$100	Nominal
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$24
INSURANCE.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$260	\$50	\$187, sales
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$108, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$53.33	\$25	\$87, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$310, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 97, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$830, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$192, buyers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	100	\$99, buyers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co.	150,000	\$10	all	\$8.65, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$30
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
MINING.—				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$590, buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	18/10	\$84, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$1
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$2
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$147, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$59, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$10, sal. & sel.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$34, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$294, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	all	\$49, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$54, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$15, sellers
South China Morning Post	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$24, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$5
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000	\$7	\$7	\$24
Watkins, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$23
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	175	\$100	\$100	\$140
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000 only	\$10	\$10	\$4
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$230
	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1885	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

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Malwa New	\$1,070/1,080 per picul.
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Malwa Older	\$1,110/1,140
Malwa V. Old	\$1,150/1,180
Persian fine quality	\$1,020/1,050
Persian extra fine	\$880
Patna New	\$1,000 per chest.
Patna Old	\$1,030
Benares New	\$1,000
Benares Old	

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

March 3rd—Indra, Peking, 6th—Goeben, Hakata Maru, Benelux, Mactoon, 10th—Arayona, Benelux, China (Aus), Bombay Maru, Ernest Simon, Nyanza, Tencer, 13th—Denallion, Pera, Polynesian, Persia, Yang Tze, 17th—Denavon, Glenavon, Glenlocky, Kennebec, Silesia (Ger.).

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

March 16th—Asyenas, Benelux, Glenavon, Pelus, Sydney, Sunda.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. str. *Delhi* left Singapore for this port on the 15th instant at 10.30 a.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day at about 8 a.m.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Shogun* arrived Shanghai at 4 a.m. on Tuesday the 16th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Hongkong where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Goeben* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 24th inst., left Colombo on the 14th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 25th inst.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Sigismund* left Sydney on the 11th instant at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China str. *Bokeang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 7th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

The Indo-China str. *Suicang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 13th instant.

The Indo-China str. *Laisang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 12th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The J.C. str. *Typhoon* left Macassar on the 9th instant, and may be expected here to-day p.m.

The Austrian Lloyd's str. *Austria* left Singapore on the 11th inst. p.m., and is due here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore on the 12th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yokohama Maru* (Hombay Line) left Singapore on the 11th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The str. *Manmouthshire* left Singapore on the 14th instant at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The E. & A. str. *Eastern* left Sydney on the 13th instant for Manila and this port (via Queensland Port) and Port Darwin.

The Ben Line str. *Bendora* from Middlesbrough, Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 13th instant for this port.

The N.Y.K. str. *Shimano Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

The F.C. str. *Lija* str. *Typhoon* left Macassar on the 16th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst. p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Wakamiya Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 12th instant, and is expected here on the 1st prox.

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China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., noon.
Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting,
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE
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March 17th.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.83
Bank Bills, on demand	1.84
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1.85
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1.86
Credits, at 4 months sight	1.94
Documentary Bills 4 months sight	1.95
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	218
Credits, at 4 months sight	222
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	177
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	42
Credits, at 60 days sight	43
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	130
Bank, on demand	130
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	130
Bank, on demand	130
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	74
Private, 30 days sight	75
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	84
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	